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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Shockey et al.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/544,357

FILED: April 6, 2000

FOR: **PENETRATION-AND-FIRE
RESISTANT FABRIC MATERIALS
AND STRUCTURES**

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Response

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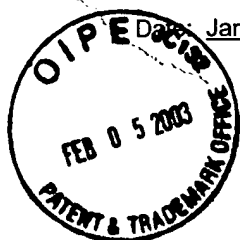
This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 22, 2002, the shortened statutory period for which runs until January 22, 2003. Applicants request a one month extension of time, allowing Applicants until February 22, 2003 to respond. Please revise the subject application as indicated below. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS

In the Office Action Claims 1-2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 38-40, 70-72, 74, and 81 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,398,889 issued to White et al.

Claims 3, 41, and 77 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claims 17-19, 22, 24, 53-56, 58 and 61 are allowed.



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